

Northern Virginia Training Center
9901 Braddock Road
Fairfax, Virginia 22032

STANDARD CONTRACT

Contract Number: 725-08-5107

This contract entered into this 20th day of January 2008, by Americare Services, Inc., 2355 Pheasant Hill Lane, Marlvern, PA 19355 hereinafter called the "Contractor" and Commonwealth of Virginia, Northern Virginia Training Center, Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services called the "Purchasing Agency."

WITNESSETH that the Contractor and the Purchasing Agency, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements herein contained, agree as follows:

SCOPE OF SERVICE: The CONTRACTOR agrees to provide occupational therapy services to clients of the Northern Virginia Training Center. Services are to be provided by a licensed and insured occupational therapist. CONTRACTOR will comply with all Agency and State policies including but not limited to assessment, treatment, documentation and staff training and consultation:

This is work in the field of occupational therapy at a Center for those with mental retardation and/or physical handicaps. A resource designs, implements, and evaluates occupational therapy segments of individual program plans to further the comprehensive treatment/habilitation of patients/residents. The resource conducts medically, developmentally and/or psychologically focused occupational therapy programs to determine current skill levels and assist patients/residents in developing basic functional skills or retain or strengthen existing skills. The diverse modalities used in these programs may include arts and crafts, audio-visual media, physical restorative activities, and adaptive equipment and devices, and are chosen for their ability to contribute toward reaching individual patient/resident goals. Program objectives may be directed toward activities of daily living, group interaction, sensory stimulation and training, physical conditioning, reflex inhibition, or neuro-muscular facilitation in order to stimulate/alter the neuro-physiological or psychosocial development of the patient/resident and to provide a context for normal living. Formal assessments of patient/resident functioning levels, strengths, and needs are made and methods for responding to assessed needs are formulated and presented to a multi-disciplinary team responsible for individual patient/resident's comprehensive program plans. An important aspect of the work is the on-going review and evaluation of patient/resident needs and progress toward achieving program goals. Work is performed independently under general supervision and is reviewed by a higher level licensed therapist or other professional supervisor for quality and achievement of occupational therapy program goals through observation, conferences and reports.

AGENCY reserves the right to screen, interview, and approve all potential OTs prior to them working at NVTC. Agency reserves the right to monitor work performance and have

the CONTRACTOR remove OT if performance does not meet Agency standards.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that the agency shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this agreement.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT: This contract may be renewed by the Commonwealth upon written agreement of both parties for one year, 4 successive one year periods, under the terms of the current contract, and at a reasonable time (approximately 30 days) prior to the expiration.

CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT: The purchasing agency reserves the right to cancel and terminate any resulting contract, in part or in whole, without penalty, upon 30 days written notice to the contractor. In the event the initial contract period is for more than 12 months, the resulting contract may be terminated by either party, without penalty, after the initial 12 months of the contract period upon 30 days written notice to the other party. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the contractor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.

COMPENSATION: CONTRACTOR will invoice AGENCY monthly for actual services rendered during the period. Invoice will be mailed to the Northern Virginia Training Center, Attention: Accounts Payable, 9901 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22209 and reflect date(s) of service, begin and end time and daily and monthly hours totals. Contractor will provide a W-9 and comply with all Commonwealth provisions to become eVA registered as per General Terms and Conditions Item O. eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT VENDOR REGISTRATION. Weekly timesheets will be attached to support actual services provided. CONTRACTOR will be compensated at a rate of \$73/hour.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: CONTRACTOR is acting as an independent contractor with respect to the services provided to Center. Neither CONTRACTOR nor the personnel of CONTRACTOR performing services for Center will be considered employees or agents of Center. Center will not be responsible for CONTRACTOR's acts or the acts of CONTRACTOR's employees while performing services under this Agreement. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between the parties, and neither party by virtue of this Agreement shall have any right, power or authority to act or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the other party.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT: As AGENCY is paying for services rendered; CONTRACTOR will not bill any other entity for services.

PLACEMENT FEES: The Contractor shall not charge the Agency any placement fees or agency fees for a contract employee if a contract employee submits an application for employment with any state agency and is selected for employment through

a competitive selection process. The contract employee shall give the Contractor a two week notice prior to being employed by the state agency/institution for a WE-14 Wage position or full-time classified position.

PERIOD OF SERVICE: The CONTRACTOR agrees to provide services as requested by the AGENCY from *February 1, 2008* through *January 31, 2009*. AGENCY does not guarantee any number of hours during this period.

RESTRICTIONS: CONTRACTOR agrees that no fees shall be charged by the CONTRACTOR to clients for services under this contract without AGENCY approval. CONTRACTOR agrees that neither the CONTRACTOR, its employees, assignees, nor subcontractors shall be deemed employees of the Commonwealth of Virginia or the AGENCY while performing under this agreement. Contractor agrees to provide proof prior to any of their employee's coming on the Agency campus that their employee is free from of active tuberculosis infection. Contractor's employees will submit to drug and alcohol testing at the Agency's expense. Contractor's employee(s) will attend Agency training as mutually agreed at the Contractor's expense.

TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE: During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to adhere to the facility's tobacco-free workplace policy. Tobacco use is prohibited on facility grounds and structures. Contractor agrees to ensure its employees and any subcontractors remain tobacco-free while on facility grounds and in facility structures, including in their personal vehicles when located on facility grounds.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The contract documents shall consist of Attachment A - The General Terms and Conditions.

HIPAA COMPLIANCE: By signature on this contract, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Department of Health and Human Services Regulations and, in the performance of this contract (agreement) will:

- Not use or further disclose protected health information (PHI) other than as permitted or required by the terms of this contract or as required by law;
- Use appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as permitted by the contract;
- Report to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS) any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for by this Contract (Agreement);
- Mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to the CONTRACTOR of a use or disclosure of PHI by the CONTRACTOR in violation of the requirements of this contract.
- Impose the same requirements and restrictions on its subcontractors and agents;
- Provide access, at the request of the DMHMRSAS, and in the time and manner designated by the DMHMRSAS, to PHI in a Designated Record Set, to the

DMHMRSAS or, as directed by the DMHMRSAS, to an individual in order to meet HIPAA requirements.

- Make available PHI for amendment and incorporate any amendments to PHI;
- Document and provide to DMHMRSAS information relating to disclosures of PHI as required for the DMHMRSAS to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule;
- Make its internal practices, books, and records relating to use and disclosure of PHI available to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary for the purposes of determining compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule;
- At termination of the contract, if feasible, return or destroy all PHI received from, or created or received by the CONTRACTOR on behalf of the Contracting Agency (DMHMRSAS) that the business associate still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such information or, if such return or destruction is not feasible, extend the protections of the contract to the information and limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible.
- Will implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of electronic Protected Health Information (PHI) that it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of DMHMRSAS NVTC as required by the HIPAA Security Rule, 45 Parts 160, 162, and 164;
- Will ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides electronic Protected Health Information agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect it;
- Will report to DMHMRSAS NVTC any security incident of which it becomes aware;
- DMHMRSAS NVTC is authorized to terminate this contract if it determines that CONSULTANT has violated a material term of this contract.

CONFIDENTIALITY: The CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that its employees may have access to confidential information, including Protected Health Information (PHI) regarding employees, clients/patients, or the public. In addition, the CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that its employees may have access to proprietary or other confidential information or business information belonging to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS). Therefore, except as required by law, the CONTRACTOR agrees that its employees will not:

- Access or attempt to access data that is unrelated to their job duties or authorization;
- Access or attempt to access Protected Health Information (PHI) beyond their stated authorized HIPAA access level;
- Disclose to any other person or allow any other person access to any information

related to DMHMRSAS or any of its facilities that is proprietary or confidential and/or pertains to employees, students, patients, or the public. Disclosure of information includes, but is not limited to, verbal discussions, FAX transmissions, electronic mail messages, voice mail communication, written documentation, "loaning" computer access codes and/or another transmission or sharing of data.

- Disclose Protected Health Information (PHI) in violation of HIPAA regulations.

The CONTRACTOR understands that DMHMRSAS and its employees, clients/patients, or others may suffer irreparable harm by disclosure of proprietary or confidential information and that DMHMRSAS may seek legal remedies available to it should such disclosure occur. Further, the CONTRACTOR understands that violations of this agreement may result in contract default.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

CONTRACTOR:

AmeriCare Services, Inc

By: Kenneth Hallgren

Title: President

DATE: 2/1/08

AGENCY:

Northern Virginia Training
Center,
DMHMRSAS

Mark S. Diorio

By: Mark S. Diorio, Ph.D.

Title: Facility Director

DATE: 2/2/08

ATTACHMENT A General Terms and Conditions

- A. **VENDORS MANUAL:** This solicitation is subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Vendors Manual* and any changes or revisions thereto, which are hereby incorporated into this contract in their entirety. The procedure for filing contractual claims is in section 7.19 of the *Vendors Manual*. A copy of the manual is normally available for review at the purchasing office and is accessible on the Internet at www.dgs.state.va.us/dps under "Manuals."
- B. **APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS:** This solicitation and any resulting contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the Commonwealth. The agency and the contractor are encouraged to resolve any issues in controversy arising from the award of the contract or any contractual dispute using Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedures (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4366). ADR procedures are described in Chapter 9 of the *Vendors Manual*. The contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.
- C. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By submitting their proposals, offerors certify to the Commonwealth that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians With Disabilities Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act and § 2.2-4311 of the *Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA)*. If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1E).

In every contract over \$10,000 the provisions in 1. and 2. below apply:

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
 - a. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - b. The contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, will state that such contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting these requirements.

2. The contractor will include the provisions of 1. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

D. **ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING:** By submitting their proposals, offerors certify that their proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.

E. **IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986:** By submitting their proposals, offerors certify that they do not and will not during the performance of this contract employ illegal alien workers or otherwise violate the provisions of the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

F. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By submitting their proposals, offerors certify that they are not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia from submitting bids or proposals on contracts for the type of goods and/or services covered by this solicitation, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently so debarred.

G. **ANTITRUST:** By entering into a contract, the contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Commonwealth of Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Commonwealth of Virginia under said contract.

H. **MANDATORY USE OF STATE FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR IFBs**

(For Invitation For Bids): Failure to submit a bid on the official state form provided for that purpose shall be a cause for rejection of the bid. Modification of or additions to any portion of the Invitation for Bids may be cause for rejection of the bid; however, the Commonwealth reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject such a bid as nonresponsive. As a precondition to its acceptance, the Commonwealth may, in its sole discretion, request that the bidder withdraw or modify nonresponsive portions of a bid which do not affect quality, quantity, price, or delivery. No modification of or addition to the provisions of the contract shall be effective unless reduced to writing and signed by the parties.

I. **CLARIFICATION OF TERMS:** If any prospective offeror has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective offeror should contact the buyer whose name appears on the face of the solicitation no later than five working days before the due date. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the buyer.

J. **PAYMENT:**

1. **To Prime Contractor:**

- a. Invoices for items ordered, delivered and accepted shall be submitted by the contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the

state contract number and/or purchase order number; social security number (for individual contractors) or the federal employer identification number (for proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations).

- b. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be regarded as requiring payment 30 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 30 days, however.
 - c. All goods or services provided under this contract or purchase order, that are to be paid for with public funds, shall be billed by the contractor at the contract price, regardless of which public agency is being billed.
 - d. The following shall be deemed to be the date of payment: the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail, or the date of offset when offset proceedings have been instituted as authorized under the Virginia Debt Collection Act.
 - e. **Unreasonable Charges.** Under certain emergency procurements and for most time and material purchases, final job costs cannot be accurately determined at the time orders are placed. In such cases, contractors should be put on notice that final payment in full is contingent on a determination of reasonableness with respect to all invoiced charges. Charges which appear to be unreasonable will be researched and challenged, and that portion of the invoice held in abeyance until a settlement can be reached. Upon determining that invoiced charges are not reasonable, the Commonwealth shall promptly notify the contractor, in writing, as to those charges which it considers unreasonable and the basis for the determination. A contractor may not institute legal action unless a settlement cannot be reached within thirty (30) days of notification. The provisions of this section do not relieve an agency of its prompt payment obligations with respect to those charges which are not in dispute (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4363).
2. To Subcontractors:
- a. A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
 - (1) To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Commonwealth for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
 - (2) To notify the agency and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.
 - b. The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the Commonwealth, except for amounts withheld as stated in (2) above. The date of mailing of any payment by U. S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contract. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the Commonwealth.
3. Each prime contractor who wins an award in which provision of a SWAM procurement plan

is a condition to the award, shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution, on or before request for final payment, evidence and certification of compliance (subject only to insubstantial shortfalls and to shortfalls arising from subcontractor default) with the SWAM procurement plan. Final payment under the contract in question may be withheld until such certification is delivered and, if necessary, confirmed by the agency or institution, or other appropriate penalties may be assessed in lieu of withholding such payment.

- K. **PRECEDENCE OF TERMS:** The following General Terms and Conditions *VENDORS MANUAL, APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION, ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING, IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986, DEBARMENT STATUS, ANTITRUST, MANDATORY USE OF STATE FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS, CLARIFICATION OF TERMS, PAYMENT* shall apply in all instances. In the event there is a conflict between any of the other General Terms and Conditions and any Special Terms and Conditions in this solicitation, the Special Terms and Conditions shall apply.
- L. **QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFERORS:** The Commonwealth may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the offeror to perform the services/furnish the goods and the offeror shall furnish to the Commonwealth all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Commonwealth reserves the right to inspect offeror's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the offeror's capabilities. The Commonwealth further reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such offeror fails to satisfy the Commonwealth that such offeror is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to provide the services and/or furnish the goods contemplated therein.
- M. **TESTING AND INSPECTION:** The Commonwealth reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure goods and services conform to the specifications.
- N. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Commonwealth.
- O. **CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT:** Changes can be made to the contract in any of the following ways:
 - 1. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
 - 2. The Purchasing Agency may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the Purchasing Agency a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods:
 - a. By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - b. By agreeing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of

units of work performed, subject to the Purchasing Agency's right to audit the contractor's records and/or to determine the correct number of units independently; or

- c. By ordering the contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The contractor shall present the Purchasing Agency with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Purchasing Agency shall have the right to audit the records of the contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Purchasing Agency within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Purchasing Agency. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the question of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for resolving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract or, if there is none, in accordance with the disputes provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Vendors Manual*. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Purchasing Agency or with the performance of the contract generally.
- P. **DEFAULT:** In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Commonwealth, after due oral or written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies which the Commonwealth may have.
- Q. **INSURANCE:** By signing and submitting a bid or proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that if awarded the contract, it will have the following insurance coverage at the time the contract is awarded. For construction contracts, if any subcontractors are involved, the subcontractor will have workers' compensation insurance in accordance with §§ 2.2-4332 and 65.2-800 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia*. The bidder or offeror further certifies that the contractor and any subcontractors will maintain this insurance coverage during the entire term of the contract and that all insurance coverage will be provided by insurance companies authorized to sell insurance in Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

MINIMUM INSURANCE COVERAGES AND LIMITS REQUIRED FOR MOST CONTRACTS:

1. **Workers' Compensation -** Statutory requirements and benefits. Coverage is compulsory for employers of three or more employees, to include the employer. Contractors who fail to notify the Commonwealth of increases in the number of employees that change their workers' compensation requirements under the *Code of Virginia* during the course of the contract shall be in noncompliance with the contract.
2. **Employer's Liability -** \$100,000.
3. **Commercial General Liability -** \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Commercial General Liability is to include bodily injury and property damage, personal injury and advertising injury, products and completed operations coverage. The Commonwealth of Virginia must be named as an additional insured and so endorsed on the policy.

4. Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence. (Only used if motor vehicle is to be used in the contract.)

<u>Profession/Service</u>	<u>Limits</u>
Health Care Practitioner (to include Dentists, Licensed Dental Hygienists, Optometrists, Registered or Licensed Practical Nurses, Pharmacists, Physicians, Podiatrists, Chiropractors, Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Assistants, Clinical Psychologists, Clinical Social Workers, Professional Counselors, Hospitals, or Health Maintenance Organizations.)	\$1,925,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate
(Limits increase each July 1 through fiscal year 2008, as follows: July 1, 2008 - \$2,000,000. This complies with §8.01-581.15 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u> .)	
Insurance/Risk Management	\$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate

- R. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD:** Upon the award or the announcement of the decision to award a contract over \$50,000, as a result of this solicitation, the purchasing agency will publicly post such notice on the DGS/DPS eVA web site (www.eva.virginia.gov) for a minimum of 10 days.
- S. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "*drug-free workplace*" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

- T. **NONDISCRIMINATION OF CONTRACTORS:** A bidder, offeror, or contractor shall not be discriminated against in the solicitation or award of this contract because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, faith-based organizational status, any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment or because the bidder or offeror employs ex-offenders unless the state agency, department or institution has made a written determination that employing ex-offenders on the specific contract is not in its best interest. If the award of this contract is made to a faith-based organization and an individual, who applies for or receives goods, services, or disbursements provided pursuant to this contract objects to the religious character of the faith-based organization from which the individual receives or would receive the goods, services, or disbursements, the public body shall offer the individual, within a reasonable period of time after the date of his objection, access to equivalent goods, services, or disbursements from an alternative provider.

- U. **eVA Business-To-Government Vendor Registration:** The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution, website portal www.eVA.virginia.gov, streamlines and automates government purchasing activities in the Commonwealth. The eVA portal is the gateway for vendors to conduct business with state agencies and public bodies. All vendors desiring to provide goods and/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA Internet e-procurement solution either through the eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service or eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service. All bidders or offerors must register in eVA; failure to register will result in the bid/proposal being rejected.
- a. eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service: \$25 Annual Registration Fee plus the appropriate order Transaction Fee specified below. eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service includes electronic order receipt, vendor catalog posting, on-line registration, electronic bidding, and the ability to research historical procurement data available in the eVA purchase transaction data warehouse.
 - b. eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service: \$25 Annual Registration Fee plus the appropriate order Transaction Fee specified below. eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service includes all benefits of the eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service plus automatic email or fax notification of solicitations and amendments.
 - c. For orders issued prior to August 16, 2006, the Vendor Transaction Fee is 1%, capped at a maximum of \$500 per order.
 - d. For orders issued August 16, 2006 and after, the Vendor Transaction Fee is:
 - (i) DMBE-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at \$500 per order.
 - (ii) Businesses that are not DMBE-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at \$1,500 per order.
- V. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:** It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that the agency shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this agreement.
- W. **SET-ASIDES.** This solicitation is set-aside for DMBE-certified small business participation only when designated "SET-ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES" in the solicitation. DMBE-certified small businesses are those businesses that hold current small business certification from the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise. DMBE-certified women- and minority-owned businesses are also considered small businesses when they have received DMBE small business certification. Small businesses must be certified by DMBE not later than the solicitation due date.